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HB 198

The Honorable House of Representatives  
Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecommunications Committee

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Representing these entities:  
Hahn Ranch Feed & Supply  
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In Opposition to HB 198

Eminent Domain is a breach of a private citizen's right to property. It is only barely tolerable as a statute of the Federal Government and may well be a destructive tool in the hands of a public utility. This utility may have the guise of a company that has the best interests of the public in mind but could turn out to be a ruse in favor of a profit for a money hungry clientele of out of state or worse yet, out of the country, investors who have no interest in anything but a sizeable profit to line their own pockets. My father and mother went through eminent domain and condemnation on their ranch in the valley that is now the Canyon Ferry Lake. That was such a fiasco that the government tried to put in another dam at Whitehall which was going to be called the Ritchley Dam. It never went through. The people of the affected area in Whitehall got testimonials from the displaced landowners in the Canyon Ferry Lake area about all the corruption and wrongdoings that went on in that Eminent Domain situation. I can't stress enough, think very hard about this bill and how it may affect Montana and your constituents. This bill is a breach of a citizen's private property rights. It does no good for Montanans.

Laws, rules and regulations have only one purpose – To Control. Use your privileges wisely.

Sincerely,



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